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SUBJ: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 161933

1. RE PARA 2, REFTTEL, GSL WILL SEND FOLLOWING DELEGATION
TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE:

A. MRS SIVA OBEYSEKERE, DEPUTY MINISTER, MINISTRY OF
HEALTH (DELEGATION LEADER). ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT 1967,
EFFECTIVE AND HARD-WORKING ADMINISTRATOR, RELATED BY MARRIAGE
TO FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, AND THROUGH
HIM TO PRIME MINISTER'S IN-LAWS; ONE OF COUNTRY'S MOST
OUTSPOKEN BIRTH CONTROL ADVOCATES, ALSO INTERESTED IN NUTRITION
AND CARE OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN; ANGLICAN; ATTENDED PROMINENT
CEYLON SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR WOMEN, NO UNIVERSITY EDUCATION.

B. DR S. A. MEEGAMA, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND COORDINATOR OF UNFPA-ASSISTED
PROJECTS. MULTIPLE DEGREES FROM OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE, TEN
YEARS TEACHING IN BRITISH UNIVERSITIES, SPECIALTY DEMOGRAPHIC
STATISTICS; RETURNED TO GSL THREE YEARS AGO, CONSIDERED
PROFESSIONALLY BRILLIANT, NO SMALL TALK.

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C. DR H. A. JESUDASON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANNING UNIT,

DEPT OF HEALTH.

D. MR S. DHARVDLINGAM, SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
LABOR, LABOR SECRETARIAT.

E. MR D.F. S. FERNANDO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DEPT OF
CENSUS AND STATISTICS. B.SC. MATHEMATICS, CEYLON, MASTERS IN
PUBLIC HEAALTH, YALE.

2. SINCE MRS OBEYSEKERE IS OUT OF COUNTRY, CONTACT WAS MADE
WITH DR MEEGAMA, WHO WILL BE NEXT SENIOR OFFICER IN DELEGATION.
HE STATED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED SPECIFIC AGENDA BUT THAT OTHER
MATERIAL HE HAD RECEIVED SUGGESTED THAT WHAT WOULD EMERGE WOULD
BE A PLAN WHICH CONFEREES WOULD BE ASKED TO SUBSCRIBE TO. HIS
REVIEW HAD NOT PRODUCED ANY LIKELY CONTENTIOUS ITEMS. AS HE PUT
IT, IT WAS SOMETHING EVERYBODY COULD SUBSCRIBE TO. ACCORDINGLY,
HE HAD NOT SOUGHT OR RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AND INTENDED
TO "PLAY IT BY EAR".
VAN HOLLEN

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